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In re application of: Joseph L. Rudolph) Group Art Unit: 3643
Serial No.: 09/858,187)
Filed: May 15, 2001) Examiner: Richard Thomas Price, Jr.
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2002 issued with respect to the above-referenced patent application, and is filed within one month of the date of the Office Action. Accordingly, no extension of time petition or fee is required to accompany this Amendment. Entry and consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

On page 2 of the Office Action, all claims of the present application (claims 39-88) are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of United States Patent Number 5,975,026 issued to Rudolph. The Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer for the present patent application and a